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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: BSIS, IT, US
SUBJECT: TRADE COMPLAINT: SALE TO ITALIAN DEFENSE MINISTRY

1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN APPROACHED BY ITALIAN CITIZEN REPRESENTING UNIVERSAL LUSITANIA OF FREDERICK, MARYLAND FOR SALES OF RECONDITIONED AND SURPLUS US RADAR EQUIPMENT TO ITALIAN DEFENSE MINISTRY.

2. AS EXPLAINED TO EMBASSY, AN ORDER WORTH DOLS ONE HUNDRED FIFTEEN THOUSAND WAS CONTRACTED FOR AND AN IRREVOCABLE LETTER OF CREDIT DRAFTED. CONTRACTING PARTIES WERE ITALIAN DEFENSE MINISTRY BY WAY OF AIR ATTACHE AT GOI EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AND UNIVERSAL LUSITANIA.

3. ORDER HAS NOW BEEN HELD UP BY SOME TECHNICALITY BY GOI AIR ATTACHE IN WASHINGTON ALTHOUGH UNIVERSAL LUSITANIA HAS PREPARED ORDER AND SHIPPED SIGNIFICANT PORTION TO FREIGHT FORWARDER IN NEW YORK. UNIVERSAL LUSITANIA AND REPRESENTATIVE HERE ARE UNDERSTANDABLY CONCERNED AS THEY ARE NOT VERY LARGE OPERATORS AND CANNOT BEAR SUCH BURDENS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE VERIFY UNIVERSAL LUSITANIA POSITION IN THIS MATTER AS THEY HAVE NOT CONTACTED EMBASSY NOR HAVE WE SEEN DOCUMENTATION BEARING THEIR NAME. ALSO, AS LETTER OF CREDIT WAS APPARENTLY IRREVOCABLE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING RATIONALE
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OF THE GOI WASHINGTON EMBASSY AIR ATTACHE IN SHORT-CIRCUITING FINANCIAL INSTRUMENT. BANK INVOLVED IS BANCA NAZIONALE DEL LAVORO.
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